

Regular Meeting  
Eagle Township Board  
April 2, 2001

1. **Call to Order** - The regular meeting of the Eagle Township Board was called to order at 8:02 p.m. by Supervisor Morris at the Eagle Township Hall, 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI.

Members present were: Supervisor David Morris, Clerk Wendy Simmons, Treasurer Patti Schafer, Trustee Stephen Colby, Trustee Patricia Hazen, and Deputy Clerk Jane Korroch. Also present were: Fire Chief Casey Godlewski, Steve McMann of Great Lakes Comnet, Eric and Jan Stajos of American Eagle, Inc., Casey Race of Community Newspapers and approximately ten township residents and interested persons.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** - Supervisor Morris offered the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Great Lakes Comnet Telecommunications Permit** - Steve McMann from Great Lakes Comnet addressed the Board regarding a permit application Great Lakes Comnet has submitted requesting to install fiber optic cable in Eagle Township. The route for the cable is Lansing to Grand Rapids. Great Lakes Comnet will not providing any dial tone serves in the Township. However, the network would allow other companies to provide those dial tone services, if they determine a need. Mr. McMann reviewed that the understood fee structure is a \$400 permit application, fifteen-cents/aerial foot, and twenty-five-cents/underground foot. Moved by Trustee Colby to grant the permit. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Ayes: all; Nays: none; Resolution carried.

4. **Citizen's Comment** - Mrs. Carol Donaldson stated that following the annual meeting she made some calls regarding fire coverage. She contact three different insurance companies, one would make no comment, and two said that her insurance coverage would be cheaper if her fire coverage was provided by Portland. Both companies said that the cost of coverage wasn't dependent upon whether fire service is provided by a volunteer department or not, it is based on distance from the station. Treasurer Schafer also checked into the issue. Most residents in the Township have the highest insurance rating for fire coverage but do not realize it. Changing the Township's fire coverage would affect some residents, but most would not be affected. Trustee Colby stated that most of the time people would not be aware of the change of coverage. Mrs. Donaldson suggested inviting some insurance agents to the township meeting to answer questions. After the annual meeting she was under the impression that she would pay more with coverage by Portland, however, after her research she has decided she would rather have her fire coverage provided by Portland.

Mrs. Jo Godlewski thanked the Board for getting the street light up at State Rd. She further clarified that she was the person who spoke out regarding fire coverage at the annual meeting. She knows that Portland being a volunteer fire department did not affect her insurance rating, that is was her personal comment.

Trustee Hazen also spoke with her insurance agent who said that her costs would probably go up 20% if the Township went with Portland for fire coverage.

Ms. Lisa Bartlett asked about the status of the Grange Road mobile home park. Supervisor Morris stated that there has been casing put down for a test well; however, he is uncertain if pumping has begun. Ms. Bartlett stated that there has been more activity at the location. She wondered if the Drain Commissioner approved anything for the site? Supervisor Morris stated that in his last discussion with the Drain Commissioner that nothing had been approved. He further stated that he knows the manager from the Grand Rapids engineering firm that has been working one the site. The manager stated that the company has 12 sites within mid-Michigan and is uncertain if they will be building on this site.

Supervisor Morris stated that he was very pleased with the annual meeting; there was a lot of good discussion.

5. **Approval of Minutes** - Treasurer Schafer a motion to accept the minutes from the meetings of March 5, 15, 22, and 28, 2001, as printed. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

6. **Treasurer's Report** - Clerk Simmons made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as printed. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

7. **Planning Commission** - Trustee Hazen reported that the land use survey was prepared for mailing today and it will go to the post office tomorrow. Treasurer Schafer questioned the statement in the last planning commission minutes regarding the redoing of the planning commission resolution. Trustee Hazen stated that the Planning Commission drafted a new resolution at their last meeting. Treasurer Schafer and Clerk Simmons reiterated that the new resolution is not valid unless the Township Board adopts it.

8. **Letters to Board** - Clerk Simmons review the letters to the Board.



9. **Accounts Payable** - Treasurer Schafer made a motion to pay the Township bills as listed, and all other regular bills that occur during the month. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

Also, The Board authorized Treasurer Schafer and Clerk Simmons to choose the type of checked used for the Township as long as the Clerk maintains a hand-written copy of the books.

10. **Fireworks Ordinance** - Trustee Colby moved to enact the ordinance with the changes recommended by legal council and increasing the storage distance requirements to concur with current State Fire Marshall recommendations. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. On roll call vote, Ayes: All; Nays: None; Ordinance passed.

11. **Wholesale Dealer or Jobber Permit** - Trustee Colby made a motion to issue the wholesale dealer or jobber permit for American Eagle Fireworks to store 60,001 to 80,000 pounds of fireworks. Trustee Hazen supported the motion. Ayes: All; Nays: None; Motion carried.

12. **Grand Ledge Fire** - Supervisor Morris stated that the Township Board attended two meetings regarding fire service, one with DeWitt, and one with Grand Ledge.

Treasurer Schafer discussed the proposed Grand Ledge Fire Department budget. This is a one-year budget. Who will take on Watertown's portion if they are not in after the end of the year? Could we recommend this budget through 12/31/01? Chief Godlewski stated that he believes that the Watertown Township Board will be doing that at their next board meeting.

Trustee Colby questioned Chief Godlewski about the city's desire to form an authority. Chief Godlewski believes the city will not go for a taxing authority, but they may be interested in a non-taxing authority.

Treasurer Schafer made motion to tentatively approve this operating budget for 6 months, pending approval by Grand Ledge City Council, for our 19% as the proposed budget appears tonight (\$509,281). Clerk Simmons seconded the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

Treasurer Schafer discussed staffing at the Grand Ledge Fire Barn. Chief Godlewski confirmed that there is only one person at the Barn after 6:00 pm. Treasurer Schafer stated that in some aspects Grand Ledge is no different than Portland or DeWitt. Chief Godlewski stated yes, you could say that for the most part there are 2 people at the barn for 10 hours/day. Trustee Colby asked what is best time for volunteers, during the day? Chief Godlewski said yes, there is a 7:00 to 7:00 window that is difficult to cover with volunteers.

There was discussion regarding the meetings between Oneida Township and Grand Ledge regarding a non-taxing authority. The question was asked if the cost per run might be calculated based on closeness of the fire station to the city under the new agreement. Chief Godlewski stated that there has been no discussion regarding closeness of the station, however 4 different formulas are being considered for calculating cost per entity.

13. **Clark Road 2<sup>nd</sup> Public Hearing Date** - Trustee Colby moved to schedule the second public hearing regarding the Clark Road improvement project in conjunction with the next Township Board meeting on May 7, 2001. Treasurer Schafer supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

14. **Monroe Bridge** - Supervisor Morris reported that the bidding is on hold.

15. **Niles Cemetery Lawn Care Contract** - Trustee Hazen moved to sign the contract with Rainbow Enterprises as presented. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

16. **Delinquent Fire Bill** - Trustee Colby moved to dismiss the fire bill against William S. Smith. Trustee Hazen seconded. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

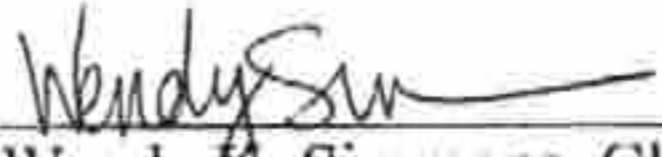
17. **Zoning Variance, David Spedoske** - Trustee Hazen moved to have clerk write a letter with no objections to granting the variance. Trustee Colby supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

18. **Select Auditor** - Treasurer Schafer made motion to hire Lyle Hepfer Inc. to do the Township's annual audit. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Ayes: 5; Nays: 0; Motion carried.

19. **Other** - Supervisor Morris reported that the Township up 8.4% for census per Lansing State Journal. Also, the Grand Ledge library millage failed.

20. **Adjournment** - Supervisor Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m. Clerk Simmons supported the motion. Aye: 5; Nay: 0; Motion carried.

5-1-01  
Approved

  
Wendy G. Simmons, Clerk



Eagle Township  
Resolution Scheduling Hearing On Assessment Roll For Clark Road  
From Eden Trail West To Grange Road


WHEREAS the Supervisor/Assessor of the Township has, in accordance with Resolution of the Township Board and the laws and statutes pertinent thereto, been instructed to prepare a special assessment roll covering parcels of land in the Clark Road Special Assessment District from Eden Trail West to Grange Road, and

WHEREAS authority to form said special assessment district is granted to townships by PA 188 of 1954 as amended,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

1. That said special assessment roll shall be available for examination at a public hearing.
2. That the township board shall meet at 8:00 p.m. on May 7, 2001 at the Eagle Township Hall located at 14318 Michigan Street, Eagle, MI to review such special assessment roll and hear any objections thereto.
3. That the township clerk shall cause Notice of such hearing to be published twice in the Grand Ledge Independent and the Portland Review and Observer, newspapers of general circulation in the township prior to the date of the hearing with the first publication being not less than ten (10) days prior to the hearing and shall further cause Notice of such hearing to be mailed by First Class Mail to all owners of or persons interested in property within the Clark Road Special Assessment district as shown on the current assessment roll of the township also at least ten (10) days prior to said hearing, in accordance with law and statute provided.

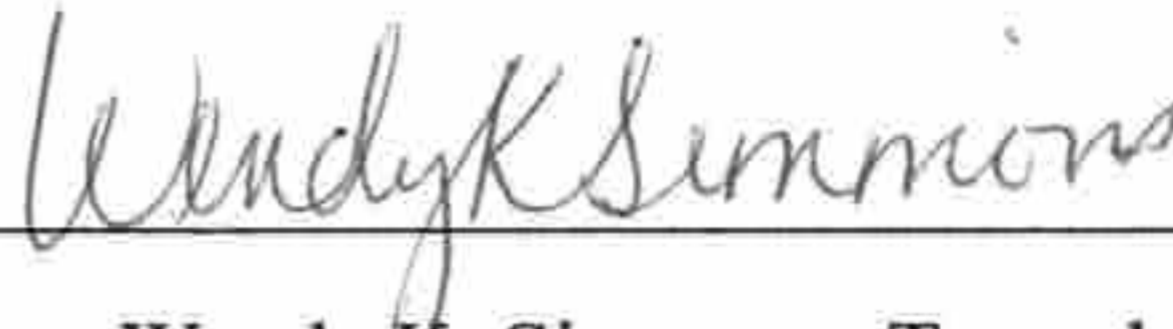
The foregoing Resolution was offered by board member Colby and supported by board member Schafer and declared adopted on unanimous voice vote.

  
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Wendy K. Simmons, Township Clerk

CERTIFICATE

I, Wendy K. Simmons, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Eagle Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board at its regular meeting held April 2, 2001 at which meeting a quorum was present and was declared adopted by unanimous voice vote.

  
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Wendy K. Simmons, Township Clerk